

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (Currently amended) A heavy gauge seamless steel tube of high mechanical resistance, good degree of toughness, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and the heat affected zone (HAZ) and good corrosion resistance, characterized by the material of which it is manufactured being made up of basically of Fe and the following chemical composition expressed in % by weight of additional elements:

C	0.06 to 0.13
Mn	1.00 to 1.30
Si	0.35 Max.
P	0.015 Max.
S	0.003 Max.
Mo	0.1 to 0.2
Cr	0.10 to 0.30
V	0.050 to 0.10
Nb	0.020 to 0.035
Ni	0.30 to 0.45
Al	0.015 to 0.040
Ti	0.020 Max.
N	0.010 Max.
Cu	0.2 Max.

and also the chemical composition with the following relation among the alloying elements:

$0.5 < (\text{Mo} + \text{Cr} + \text{Ni}) < 1$

$(\text{Mo} + \text{Cr} + \text{V})/5 + (\text{Ni} + \text{Cu})/15 \leq 0.14.$

2. (Currently amended) A—The seamless steel tube with high mechanical resistance, good hardness, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 1, also characterized by a Titanium content of no more than 0.002% by weight.

3. (Currently amended) A—The seamless steel tube with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 1, also characterized by the presence of a resistance to cracking measured by the CTOD test at a temperature of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \geq 0.8 \text{ mm}$  in the metal base and a CTOD test at a temperature of  $0^{\circ}\text{C} \geq 0.5 \text{ mm}$  in the heat affected zone.

4. (Currently amended) A—The seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 1, characterized by the resistance to corrosion measured by the HIC test in accordance with norm NACE TM0284 with solution A being 1.5% max. for CTR and 5.0% max. for CLR.

5. (Currently amended) A-The seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 1, characterized by having heavy gauge walls  $\geq 30$  mm.

6. (Currently amended) A-The seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 5, characterized by having heavy gauge walls  $\geq 40$  mm.

7. (Currently amended) A-The seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ and good corrosion resistance as in any of the previous claims 1 through 6, characterized by possessing the following properties:

$$YS_{Troom} \geq 65 \text{ ksi}$$

$$YS_{130^\circ\text{C}} \geq 65 \text{ ksi}$$

$$UTS_{Troom} \geq 77 \text{ ksi}$$

$$UTS_{130^\circ\text{C}} \geq 77 \text{ ksi}$$

The energy absorbed was evaluated at a temperature of up to  $-10^\circ\text{C} \geq$  Joules

Hardness  $\leq 240 \text{ HV10}$  maximum.

8. (Currently amended) A The seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ and good corrosion resistance as in claim 1, characterized by possessing the following properties:

$YS_{Troom} \geq 65$  ksi

$YS_{130^\circ C} \geq 65$  ksi

$UTS_{Troom} \geq 77$  ksi

$UTS_{130^\circ C} \geq 77$  ksi

$YS/UTS \leq 0.89$

Elongation  $\geq 20\%$

Energy absorbed evaluated at a temperature of up to  $-20^\circ C > 380$  Joules

Shear Area at  $-10^\circ C = 100\%$

Hardness  $\leq 220$  HV10.

9. (Withdrawn) A process for manufacturing the seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good toughness, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ and good corrosion resistance made up of steps: 1. manufacturing the steel; 2. obtaining the solid cylindrical piece; 3. perforating said piece; 4. laminating said steel piece; 5. Subjecting the laminated tubing to heat treatment, characterized said process by the addition of certain amounts of elements during the manufacturing and the elimination of other elements so as to produce a final composition in % by weight that contains, besides iron and inevitable impurities, the following:

C      0.06    to 0.13

Mn	1.00 to 1.30
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Mo	0.1 to 0.20
Cr	0.10 to 0.30
V	0.050 to 0.10
Nb	0.020 to 0.035
Ni	0.30 to 0.45
Al	0.015 to 0.040
Ti	0.020 Max.
N	0.010 Max.
Cu	0.2 Max.

and also the chemical composition complying with the relationship among the alloying elements:

$$0.5 \leq (Mo + Cr + Ni) < 1$$

$$(Mo + Cr + V)/5 + (Ni + Cu)/15 \leq 0.14.$$

10. (Withdrawn) A process for manufacturing seamless steel tubing as claimed in claim 9 characterized by said heat treatment consisting of austenitizing to a temperature of between 900°C and 930°C, followed by interior-exterior hardening in water and then heat treatment for tempering at a temperature of between 630°C and 690°C as defined by the following equation:

$$T_{temp} (°C) = [-273 + 1000 / (1.17 - 0.2 C - 0.3 Mo - 0.4 V)] + / - 5.$$

11. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The seamless steel tube with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 2, also characterized by the presence of a resistance to cracking measured by the CTOD test at a temperature of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \geq 0.8$  mm in the metal base and a CTOD test at a temperature of  $0^{\circ}\text{C} \geq 0.5$  mm in the heat affected zone.

12. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 2, characterized by the resistance to corrosion measured by the HIC test in accordance with norm NACE TM0284 with solution A being 1.5% max. for CTR and 5.0% max. for CLR.

13. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 3, characterized by the resistance to corrosion measured by the HIC test in accordance with norm NACE TM0284 with solution A being 1.5% max. for CTR and 5.0% max. for CLR.

14. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 2, characterized by having heavy gauge walls  $\geq 30$  mm.

15. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 3, characterized by having heavy gauge walls  $\geq 30$  mm.

16. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ, and good corrosion resistance as in claim 4, characterized by having heavy gauge walls  $\geq 30$  mm.

17. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ and good corrosion resistance as in claim 2, characterized by possessing the following properties:

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19. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A seamless steel tubing with high mechanical resistance, good hardening, good resistance to cracking in the metal base and in the HAZ and good corrosion resistance as in claim 4, characterized by possessing the following properties:

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